

REMARKS

I. THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims to one of the following inventions:

Group 1, claim(s) 1-5, drawn to methods of diagnosing a CRH induced gene expression profile comprising transcription analysis.

Group 2, claim(s) 6-13, 16-21 and 32 drawn to drawn to methods of diagnosing a CRH induced gene expression profile comprising determining protein amounts.

Group 3, claim(s) 14 and 22-25, drawn to methods of identification of compounds that alter CRH signaling response comprising analysis of protein amounts.

Group 4, claim(s) 26-31, drawn to nucleic acids and vectors and host cells comprising said nucleic acids.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5, without traverse.

II. THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Upon election of Group I, the Examiner has required election of the claims to one of the following species:

If Applicants elect the invention of Group 1, Applicants shall further select a single particular gene as identified by SEQ ID NO: from those SEQ ID NOs recited in claim 1. It is noted that, relevant to Group 1, claim 3 requires a combination of all of the SEQ ID NOs recited in claim 3, whereas claims 1 and 4 require only a single particular gene. If Applicants elect the invention of Group 1, claim 3 will be examined as it require the full combination of recited sequences, and claims requiring only a subcombination of sequences will be examined in so far as they require the selected single particular gene.

In response, Applicants please elect SEQ ID NO:19 without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for election of species are respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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